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FORWARDED—FORWARDED.

We have no inclination whatever, to enter prematurely, upon the discussion of State politics. The public mind needs rest and opportunity for calm reflection—a review of the past and a careful outlook for the future. But, agitation is the game at which the politicians delight to play and the only one at which demagogues can win. Conscious of this, the latter are perceptibly at work, sowing the seeds of discord and paving the way for a further disruption of the Conservative party.

The anti-convention movement of last year—set on foot, and for the benefit of Andy Johnson, will no doubt be hardened by habitual plundering of the people's treasury. With power to rob, they robbed. With no higher law to which they are amenable, they bade conscience be quiet and pocketed the money with all the grace of honest men.

GRANT may congratulate himself on his patriotism and statesmanship, since he has performed the same wonders in the government of Louisiana, that he accomplished in Tennessee. He may congratulate himself further, that the same villainy of his subordinates which forced the Modocs to arms in self-defense worked like a charm in Louisiana, where resistance gave the same pretext for armed invasion and all the consequences that followed the march of a military despotism.

GEN. WHITHORNE opposed, the salary grab, but wisely donated his share to the Vanderbilt University. He knew that if he left it to the Treasury some thief would get it, and the people be taxed to make it up, so he disposed of it as above, with honor to himself and benefit to the cause of education in Tennessee. His old and new constituents will endorse his course.

CAPT. JACK has again surprised the federal troops and defeated them with small loss on either side. It is claimed however, that the whites rallied and drove the Modocs into the woods and away from the lava beds. This is to be doubted, as it is not in character with the heroism of the man.

As a fitting sequel to Andy's glorious illustration of Democracy during, and since, the war, none have forgotten the lawless, vindictive and insulting domineering of his first successor—the bullying blackguard, W. G. Brownlow. All who have forgotten and neglected the unprincipled and atrocious character of these men—or friends in human form—can find no place so appropriate to their merits as in the ranks of the disorganizing followers of Andy Johnson whose fixed purpose it is to bend Democracy once more, to his will, or place it again under the domination of Radicalism. He will do this not because of ill will to Democracy, as an abstract idea, but because its representatives in Tennessee, were identified with the South and its glorious, tho' lost, cause and are a living rebuke to his treason against liberty and desertion of his section and people.

To wreak his vengeance upon all honored Confederates he has gladly deluged Tennessee and brought its people under the iron rule to which he subjected them when illustrating, in practice, the glorious principles of Democracy, as defined by the Moses who severed the bonds of the Egyptian slaves and transferred the shackles to the limbs of his own race.

It behoves all who remember the dark days of Johnsonian tyranny, to bear in mind, that when that tyranny had become intolerable and the people resolved to strike a blow for liberty, a call was made upon the honest and patriotic of both old parties to rally under the flag of the people—under the iron rule to which he subjected them when illustrating, in practice, the glorious principles of Democracy, as defined by the Moses who severed the bonds of the Egyptian slaves and transferred the shackles to the limbs of his own race.

JOHN STUART MILL, a distinguished author and politician, of England, is dead.

The Modocs are reported to have captured an army train and vanquished the ranche.

CAPT. HALL, the Arctic explorer, is dead, and his expedition a partial failure.

JUDGE PIERPONT, of New York, succeeds Orr as minister to Russia.

LETTER FROM ASHLAND CITY.

EDITORS CHRONICLE: Having just returned after a brief absence, I found the ever welcome CHRONICLE awaiting me, in which is a communication over the nom de plume of "Silverthorn," in which the writer indulges in some rather harsh remarks about and extends some not very kind invitations to "Anon," to whom we say, "let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

He admits the difficulty, and therefore there can be no question about that; but charges "Anon" with "lameable ignorance or a willful misstatement of facts." "Anon" was not present, and therefore does not speak from the book; but derived his information from conversations with the sheriff and those who were immediately concerned in the affair, all of which we believed to be true at the time, and ascertained the fact to be now. The statements of any one of the parties concerned would receive in preference to those of a man who shows himself to be so ungrateful as to indirectly cast an imputation upon those who came to his relief when his conduct showed him to be incapable of helping himself. We make this remark because "Silverthorn" knew when he penned his article that none of the young men who helped him out of the unenviable situation occupied the position of a "Silverthorn" in the hearing of one of the actors in the drama he assumed that "Anon" occupied, and as he knew he was not present, he must have derived his information from the parties themselves. We will grate for the information of "Silverthorn," that while our article was yet in the manuscript, it was submitted to the inspection of one of the actors for his opinion as to its correctness, and after a careful reading he pronounced it to be a correct statement of the affair, and while it did not propose to detail everything that was said and done, yet it was true in every word. The communication might truthfully have gone further, and stated that the man and brother was taken off the boat, one of the officers, and we opine this same Knight of the trenchant blade, "Silverthorn"—like a spanked baby, asked the young men not to let the negro "abuse us, but knock him down, and kill him, and we will foot the bill." And yet, this valiant knight, with a whole boat crew to back him, extends to "Anon" such a boasting invitation. Now don't that sound brave, and don't you often bite your finger to the bone, when you see the knight that didn't go with the boys to hunt the big nigger but remained out of harm's way?

It is not our purpose to intentionally wrong any one, and all we ask of "Silverthorn" is to point out our misstatements as to the facts in the case. "Silverthorn's" article betrays a very jesuitical mode of attack. It is stabbing in the dark, without giving one a chance to defend himself. Our statements are made in regular order. Why not point out some one, or more, and deny it? Did you not try to put the negro ashore? and did he not refuse to go? Did you not try to cut off his supplies and fail? Was not the sheriff sent for? Did you not have a man watching him? Was he not found asleep in the ladies' cabin? Did not the boys from Ashland City take him off your boat? Now, these are some of the statements contained in the article in which you charge that "Anon" exhibits lamentable ignorance or a willful misstatement of facts. Now, we ask you to answer any one, or more, of these questions, and if you answer with a negative, we propose to prove to the satisfaction of all the world and the rest of mankind, that you, and not "Anon," are given to misstatement of facts, by the testimony of four or five as respectable young men as there are in the Commonwealth or any other country, whose characters you can not impugn without proving yourself the veryest ingrateful.

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"Silverthorn" does not wish to engage in newspaper controversy. We suppose not; and doubtless he has, or will, learn that while "speech is silver, silence is golden." Doubtless he understands his duty, but did he perform it on the occasion in question? We suppose that old gray haired man who trudged out to Ashland City, a half mile, on a dark night, to implore help for the gallant knight and his esquires, can but answer. He says he is "perfectly satisfied with the course pursued on that occasion." No doubt this is true as regards the course pursued by the young men, for they did just what they were sent for to do. It can not possibly refer to his own course. If it does, he shows that he was in the fix of the fellow that thanked God that he and his wife and ten children were all shakin' with the ager, just because it was no worse. It seems to us that a man that would be satisfied with that course would be satisfied at anything.

Further, sir, knight, we say something did occur, on the night in question, in the writing of which truth played the only part.

As to the invitation to "fill up with benzine and coal board and play autocrat," we have this to say: As Sam Patch (we believe) said, "whatever has been done, can be done again." But for several reasons we decline; first we never fill up with benzine or anything of the kind; and in the second place, we have no disposition to play Autocrat, and if we had, we prefer a different kind of subject to those on board the Silverthorne on the 23rd of March last. For if we have subjects we desire that they be of that class, who know their rights and knowing dare maintain them at all hazards.

Regarding their houses as their castles into which the winds of heaven can enter, but not the king without another reason we might assign is, we do not belong to that class denominated by those across the line "a man and brother," and therefore not the ward of the best government the world ever saw, and as no 14th or 15th amendment would cut a figure in our case, and further as "Silverthorn" seems so well to understand the jesuit mode of attack, and lastly but not least, as we don't regard the game as worth the ammunition, we decline the invitation, and transfer all claim to such subjects, to the man and brother who may wish to subjugate them.

ANON.

TENNESSEE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Important Proceedings of the Late Meeting at Lebanon—Officers for the ensuing Year.

The Tennessee Press Association met at Lebanon on the 8th inst., President Kirby in the chair.

Resolutions to the following effect were adopted.

Appointing a committee of three to prepare a contract to be presented to all the publishers of the secular press in this State, to be signed by them, obligating themselves not to publish legal notices for less rates than are charged for like services to other parties; the obligation to be binding upon the signers as soon as it shall have been signed by four-fifths of the press of the State.

Declaring in favor of the abolishment of "dead-head system," and that all the transactions of newspaper should be reduced as speedily as possible to a business basis.

Recognizing the intimacy between the press and the educational interests of the State, declaring in favor of an efficient system of public schools and calling upon the press and people throughout the State to give such system their active support.

The Association declared the repeal of all laws restricting the rates of legal advertising, and appointing a committee to prepare a memorial to be presented to the next Legislature, and the same to be submitted for the approval of the Association at its next meeting.

A committee of three were appointed to report amendments to the constitution.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: Thos. Kirby, Vice President for East Tennessee, Archie Thomas, for Middle Tennessee, Thomas Neal for West Tennessee, J. C. McConahey, Treasurer, R. L. C. White, Secretary.

The Association adjourned to meet at Pulaski next November, at which time a public entertainment will be given.

Col. Fleming and W. J. Slater were appointed to deliver the addresses, and Mr. Archie Thomas to recite a poem.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Association attended a very excellent musical entertainment, given by Prof. A. B. Stark, at Corona Institution.

Construction of the Assessment Law.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

May 10, 1873.

To the County Clerk of the County of Shelby: A circular letter issued, from this office May 1st, says, "under the assessment law the Tax Collector collects the ad valorem tax upon merchants, while the County Court collects the privilege taxes in all cases."

From a thorough examination of the law, I am satisfied that this construction is erroneous. I am satisfied that, under the law, it is the duty of the County Court Clerk to assess and collect the ad valorem tax and auction and commission, and all other merchants, as was provided by law before the passage of the present assessment law.

In confirmation of this, I have the opinion of the Attorney-General, who telegraphs me as follows:

"There is some contradiction in the act. The 22nd section settled it by reference to the former law, that the Clerk collect ad valorem and privilege tax. The Assessor, therefore, does not fill out the blanks in the second and third blanks of the schedule, but from this office relating to merchants and merchandise."

JOHN C. BURCH, Comptroller.

RECOMMENDING TROOPS. Suddenly Felled and Severely Killed and Wounded.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Dispatches from San Francisco of the 12th, state that couriers from the lava beds bring news that Captain Hasbrouck's command was attacked by a party of Modocs, and four soldiers and one Warm Spring Indian were killed, and six soldiers and one Warm Spring Indian wounded. The attack was sudden and the troops were taken completely by surprise. After the first fire the Modocs, Captain Hasbrouck rallied his men and charged. The Modocs retreated into the woods, scattering in all directions. Several volleys were fired upon them, but it was not known whether any were killed. The troops captured twenty-five horses belonging to the Modocs. Captain Hasbrouck captured six boxes of carbine cartridges, which had been captured by the Indians a short time ago while being sent to the front.

THIRTY-THREE MODOS. In the light, commanded by Captain Jack, who was the only one of the Canby. When the last courier left Gen. Davis' camp, the troops were between the lava beds and the Modocs, who were waiting for them in a stronghold. The artillery will be moved to the side of the lake to prevent the Modocs returning to the lava beds, which has been captured by the Indians a short time ago while being sent to the front.

"Great Discredit." The New York Evening Post, which gave Grant an earnest and able support in the late Presidential election, says:

"Gen. Grant is not a quick-witted man, but it is marvelous that even he should have been so grossly deceived by an almost unbounded popularity Congress gave him in raising his and their salaries. It was simply his duty to sign a bill that contained a provision so disgraceful and so dishonest as that which a gratuity of \$5,000 out of the United States treasury to the members of Congress, just as they were about to be re-elected. He refused his sanction to it, and given notice that he should call the new Congress together. He would have done himself infinite credit. He took the other course—we are sincerely to grieve say—to his great discredit."

SCHOOL REVENUE.—According to the school law in Tennessee we have the interest on \$25,512,500, which at six per cent, amounts annually to \$1,530,750. The law in the next place assesses a tax of one dollar on each poll in the State subject to taxation. In 1870 the census reported 244,000 voters. After making an allowance for exemptions and non-collectors, it is safe to assume that we will realize from this source not less than \$150,000. From the State, then, we will have \$300,000 in round numbers to be distributed annually. If the counties will supplement this sum by a light tax on property, we can have a very respectable school fund in every county in the State.—*Johnson Herald and Tribune.*

CLARKSVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.

The market for the week, shows more activity than for the week previous. There is no decline in prices. Fine leaf seems to be a little easier, but for fine and common leaf the demand is still large and leafy. Sales for the week, nearly 700 hds, and shipments still pressing forward.

WE quote as follows:

Interior hogs and trash... 5 50/100
Good hogs... 2 25/100
Medium leaf... 2 25/100
Good leaf... 2 25/100
Fine leaf... 2 25/100
Selection... 2 25/100

Boxing & Thompson & Co., Warehousemen, sold for the week ending May 13th, 104 hds, as follows:

14 hds, good leaf from \$10 to 11 00.
14 hds, medium leaf from \$10 to 10 75.
20 hds, common leaf from \$10 to 10 50.
81 hds, hogs from \$6 to \$8 50.
5 hds, factory trash from \$2 to \$3 50.

Granger Young & Co., of the Cumberland Warehouse sold for the week ending May 13th, 144 hds, as follows:

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No Lady's Toilet Complete. Unless there be the fragrant accompaniment to the breath sweet odors it imparts, the gains a lady's room assume, the teeth quick and cheerful trial, and seem as pearls set in a coral vase.

McCORMAC'S: Pictures For Everybody!!!

While thanking my friends and the public generally, for the very liberal trade extended to me heretofore, so that a continuance of their patronage, and do my best to deserve it by bringing my profession to a level—in price—with any of the large cities of the north or east, and by excellent them to present, under the name of McCORMAC'S, to suit the wishes of my customers.

Four of the popular Little Gem pictures made and beautifully colored for One Dollar!

I will guarantee the best work ever done in Clarksville. Come up and see.

W. J. McCORMAC.

CALL ON V. L. Williams, and see those patent Soles and Heels—they are light, cheap and durable, and will last about three times as long as leather—and then save money by investing in a pair.

HOW CAN I LEAVE THEE.

An erroneous impression prevails that I am about to give up the Photography business in this city. The object of the following notice is to inform the public generally that the above impression is premature, and that I will continue to hover around for many a year. Providence permit, I take pleasure in informing the public that I have secured the services of Mr. Harry C. Norman, who for many years has had charge of the leading Gallery of Louisville, Mr. Norman besides being a thorough Photographer and fully up to the times in every improvement in the art of photography, is also an educated Colortist. The ladies can now have their cards richly colored without additional charge should they desire it.

In conclusion, my arrangements are now completed to make the FINEST and cheapest work ever made in this city.

Yours truly, W. A. MCGILL.

May 3, 1873—4w.

TO TAX ASSESSORS.

The Quarterly Court for 1873: The lists required by law are now ready, in the position of the County Court Clerk. Large upon you the important duty of doing your work at once. From this source less than \$150,000. A little care and time will do all that is to be done, and when you think that taxes must be collected to meet past and future liabilities, I do not doubt that you will be willing to aid in this work as promptly as possible. I am satisfied that you will be able to do so. I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, T. W. MCGILL, Judge.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

M. W. Ogburn vs. M. A. C. Ogburn, et al. 18 abolished. Hopkinton, Ky., May 24; Keysburg, Ky., Tuesday May 27.

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SUBLIME, GRAND, HUGE, SUPERB.
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